(Shri P. G. Kurian)

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Institute.

[Pleased in Library. *See* No. LT-767/91 for (i) and (ii)]

Report and Accounts (1990-91) of the National Industrial Development Corporation Limited, New Delhi, and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): Madam, I lay on the Table, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Industrial Development Coporation Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1990-91, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-768/91 for (i) and (ii)]

PRESENTATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra): Madam, I present the Ninety-first and Ninety-second Reports (in English and Hindi) of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation.

ANNOUNCEMENT RE. RECISION TO TELECAST THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Before we go to the other business, I have to make an announcement.

The Business Advisory Committee of our House at its sitting held on 20th November, 1991 discussed the matter of telecasting proceedings of the House and was of the unanimous view that the proceedings of Rajya Sabha should be telecast. On November 26, 1991, this matter was again discussed at a meeting of the General Purposes Committee. The Committee agreed with the view of the Business Advisory Committee and gave a general approval to the proposal on experimental basis. The same day the General Purposes Committees of both the Houses met under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chairman. After discussion, the following consensus was arrived at in regard to televising the proceedings of the Houses of Parliament. (*Interruptions*)

आपको टेलीवाइज होना है या नहीं होना ? ...(व्यवधान)...

(i) the proceedings of the Houses of Parliament may be televised.

(ii) at the initial stage only the Question Hour may be telecast.

(iii) at later stages, proceedings relating to legislation and other important matters may be televised.

(iv) the detailed modalities in this regard may be worked out by the agencies concerned to be approved by the Chairman.

(v) matters which are held by the Presiding Officer as unparliamentary or not in keeping with the decorum of the House or ordered not to form part of the record may not be televised.

(vi) a trial for televising the Question Hour may commence from a day to be decided by the Chairman.

(vii) the actual televising of the Question Hour may start on a day to be decided by the Chairman.

(viii) as and when necessary, all matters pertaining to televising may be considered in the Business Advisory Committee.

(ix) since the time available at the initial stages is limited, televising will have to be done to fit in with the available slot with the Doordarshan.

(x) telecasting is to be done on an experimental basis and further steps for improvement may be taken on the basis of the experience gained.

I hope the House approves of these arrangements.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE (Maharashtra): Yes, we approve of it.

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह (बिहार) : मेडम, "जीरो-आवर" होना चाहिए, असली जो है और दूरदर्शन पर जो जनता देखना चाहती है वह "जीरो-आवर" देखना चाहती है। इसलिए मैडम, इतना ही प्रोटेस्ट किया जाए कि "जीरो-आवर" जो है, उसको भी दूरदर्शन पर जगह मिलनी चाहिए।

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI (Gujarat): Without censor.

श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल : (उत्तर प्रदेश) : ताकि लोगों को कुछ पता लगे ! ...(**व्यवधान**)...

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: Madam, I would like to know whether the Government has gone brankrupt, because we have been given these cards and all the Members of Parliament have become salesmen of Godrej. I don't know why. If the Government cannot afford to print these cards, then why give these cards at all? I won't be surprised if from tomorrow we find advertisement of some industrial house on our identity card itself. I won't be surprised if it appears on our backs also. If the Government doesn't have the money, why do it? While going to Connaught Place I saw a place and thought it was a Kwality icecream parlour but, to my surprise, it was a police station. I do not understand what is happening. I would like to know whether the Government has really gone bankrupt. Unless and until this "Godrej" is changed, I would like to surrender this card to the Government.

SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: I also surrender my card.....(*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just a minute, please. Let me inquire. Because nobody gave me such a card, I have no information on that. ...(*Interruptions*) ...I am not a privileged one. ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: It is an insult to Parliament. We are not salesmen of the Godrej Company.

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: Madam, each and every MP has become a salesman of Godrej Company. So I am surrendering this card. ...(*Interruptions*) ...I compliment Parmodji that he has not received it so far. ...(*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just a minute, please. The Minister is not here. ....(*Interruptions*)...

मंत्री जी यहां हैं नहीं। क्योंकि मुझे किसी ने कार्ड दिया नहीं है, इसलिए मुझे मालूम नहीं है। मैं उनसे पता लगाकर आपको बताऊंगी।

श्री **मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल** : यह फी बहुत बुरी बात है कि आपको अब तक कार्ड नहीं दिया गया।

†[شری محمد افضل عرف م- افضل :

یہ بھی بہت بری بات ہے کہ آپکو اب تک کارڈ نہیں دیا گیا ۔]

मोहम्मद ओबैदुल्ला खान आजमी (उत्तर प्रदेश) : आप मैम्बर हैं और आपको अभी तक कार्ड नहीं दिया गया, यह निहायत शर्म की बात है। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

†[مولانا عبیداللہ خاں اعظمی :

آپ ممبر ہیں اور آپکو ابھی تک کارڈ نہیں دیا گیا - یہ نہایت شرم کی بات ہے -...(مداخلت)..]

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is all right. I will find out from the Minister and let you know.

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय (उत्तर प्रदेश) : मैडम, हमको बोलने दीजिए।

†[ ]Transliteration in Arabic Script.

उपसभापति: कार्ड पर?

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): Madam, I want to say a word on the broadcast.

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय: मैडम, हमको बोलने दीजिए। ... (**व्यवधान**)...

उपसभापति: गुरुपदस्वामी जी आप क्या कह रहे हैं?
...(*Interruptions*)...

That matter is something else.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: On the broadcast.

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय: हमको प्रोटेक्ट करें मैडम,।

उपसभापति: हां, जरूर करूंगी।

Let me find out. He is talking about the announcement which I have made. If he has an opinion, let him give it.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Madam Deputy Chairman, I welcome the idea of broadcasting the proceedings of the House. But, to begin with, a minimum broadcast may be atempted—I agree with that. While I agree with that, I would like to say that coverage of Question Hour alone is not enough, to begin with. I suggest that important debates like the debate on the President's Address, on the Budget and the speeches made by important leaders of the Opposition should also be covered.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have said it. The decision is, Mr. Gurupadaswamy, to start with, because Question Hour is a limited one hour, that can be televised on an experimental basis, easily. Later on, because lights have to be put and cameras have to be fitted, when they find out the technicalities of them, then, when we have more time, I am sure we will telecast everything else. ..(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN (Maharashtra): The House of Commons and the House of Lords have given do's and don'ts to Doordarshan.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Do's and don'ts to us also?...(*Interruptions*).

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: So, BBC cannot telecast everything. ..(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI (Maharashtra): Madam.....(*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He has not completed.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: I have not completed. Just a minute.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let him make his suggestion.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: I understand, the technical aspects have to be looked into. That is why I suggest, let them look into all the technical aspects, to begin with. Let there be a minimal coverage. That coverage should include important debates also—that is not impossible—and we should not postpone it to a future date. I suggest that Question Hour and, also along with that, important debates, may be included....(*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I will allow you. Is it on this?

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Madam, I want to draw your attention to this. The Business Advisory Committee or the General Purposes Committee and the Chairman have finally agreed to the criterion. I just want to know when you are going to televise the Question Hour. If I correctly understood it, the essence seems to be to telecast and broadcast the proceedings the next day. There is one difficulty.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Not the next day. I do not know about it. May be the same day, not live.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: In the evening or whatever it is. My difficulty is this. The Question Hour is very important. Have the technical aspects of noise pollution been studied? What will happen when we go on shouting against each other.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Never mind. Let the people see what you do. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Have you taken care to stop the noise pollution because we are experts in shouting? Different voices are there. It is like a gramophone or a piano.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Vices or voices?

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: All the pianos will come.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Kulkarni, did you mention "voices" or "vices?"

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Vocies and vices, both. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: After him I will call you. Look, we are not going to discuss this matter. Just a minute, please. The Business Advisory Committee, the General Purposes Committee of our House and the General Purposes Committee of the Lok Sabha separately met. Then, both the Committees met together under the chairmanship of the Chairman and the Speaker. All the Members were there. So, it is premature to discuss anything till we start the proceedings. If you have any suggestion, you might send it to the Chairman through me for consideration. Okay, you send it to me, and I will pass it on to the Chairman.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: I would like to draw the attention of the House to the fact that I have recently studied the do's and don'ts for telecasting the proceedings of the House of Lords and the House of Commons by the BBC. They have taken at least three decades to decide about it. It went to a Select Committee. They have many do's and don'ts.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You are a Member of the General Purposes Committee.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: No, I am not. What I am saying is that these do's and don'ts are very important because telecasting should not bring the prestige of the House down in the eyes of the people. When there is chaos in the House, the BBC never shows the Members. Directions have been given to the BBC that the camera must focus on the Chair only. Empty benches are not shown. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just a second. My comment to this is.....

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Our Committee must go into do's and don'ts.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I suggest that we should have do's and don'ts for ourselves also. We should not create chaos to be shown on the TV.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI (Maharashtra): Madam, only one word of caution. I think we are really rushing through the decision to telecast the proceedings in Parliament. I don't think that the Doordarshan is technically qualified today to telecast the proceedings of the House. You need very sophisticated lights, not the glaring lights which the Doordarshan has. All these lights, technical equipment etc. have to be imported, and only after that, I think, should the telecasting of the proceedings of Parliament be done. We should not do these things in a hurry. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We are not discussing this, please. I don't permit.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Half a minute.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Look, everybody will ask for it. We have a very important business.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: I know. I want to say that whatever is telecast should we truthful and that there should be no pre-censorship at all. Let us be seen by the people as we perform. Let this House be judged by them.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): This is not the final word. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I think, when I read it out, nobody listened to me. (*Interruptions*). Please. I am not permitting anyone; I will not permit it. Whatever opinion you have, you tell the Chairman. I am not permitting anything on this. ...(*Interruptions*)... To me that matter is over.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra): Madam, I want to raise an issue.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA (Bihar): Madam, I want to raise another issue... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Take your seats.

डा० अकबर अहमद (राजस्थान) : महोदया, मुझे एक बहुत जरूरी बात कहनी है दूरदर्शन से प्रसारण के बारे में।

उपसभापति : वह ईशू खत्म हो गया... (**व्यवधान**) टेलीविजन बंद हो गया... (**व्यवधान**)

डा० अकबर अहमद : महोदया, मुझे एक बात यह कहनी है कि दूरदर्शन के इस प्रसारण से जो सबसे बड़ी समस्या आने वाली है वह यह है कि इसमें जो सेंसर वाली बात रखी गई है... (**व्यवधान**)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have switched off the camera. Please sit down. Please take your seat. All these matters were discussed earlier. It is not that only the Members who are selected or elected or appointed to the Business Advisory Committee or the General Purposes Committee only have the wisdom. Almost every Member has the same wisdom. So all these matters were discussed in the Committee for two hours when the Chairman, Speaker and everybody was there. Your feelings and emotions have already been discussed and taken into consideration. Yet you have some doubts, you can write it down and send it to the Chairman. Now that matter is over. We have got some other business.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Madam, I want to raise an issue.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We have got special mentions, Statutory Resolution. Please take your seats.

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : मैडम, मैं आपकी खिदमत में यह कहना चाहता हूं कि आज समाचारपत्र में मैंने पढ़ा कि भारतीय जनता पार्टी के सिक्के का जो दूसरा पहलू है आर०एस०एस० उसके हैड ने कहा है कि कांग्रेस को हम समर्थन दे रहे हैं और मिली-जुली सरकार इस देश में बने। महोदया, ये लोग फिरकापरस्त हैं... (**व्यवधान**) ये मन्दिर और मस्जिद के नाम पर इस देश को अस्थिर करना चाहते हैं। ये सांप्रदायिकता की आग लगाकर देश को बांटना चाहते हैं। इनके चक्कर में विश्वनाथ प्रताप सिंह की सरकार आ सकती है लेकिन हमारी कांग्रेस की सरकार पूरी तरह से सर्वधर्म समभाव में विश्वास रखती है। आज भारतीय जनता पार्टी और उसके सहयोगी जो संख्या में नगण्य हैं, इस तरह के बलफ भरे स्टेटमेंट दे रहे हैं। हम ऐसे सांप्रदायिक तत्वों का कोई सहारा नहीं चाहते हैं, यह मैं आपके माध्यम से, इस सदन के द्वारा सारे देश को बताना चाहता हूं।

श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ भीम अफजल : मैडम, वजीरे आजम की तरफ से यह बयान आना चाहिए जो पाण्डेय जी ने हाऊस में दिया है... (**व्यवधान**)